

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
NORTH CAROLINA, CALIFORNIA,)	CIVIL ACTION NO.: 3:12-CV-817
FLORIDA, GEORGIA, ILLINOIS,)	
INDIANA, LOUISIANA, NEVADA,)	
NEW JERSEY, NEW MEXICO,)	
OKLAHOMA, TENNESSEE, TEXAS,)	
and VIRGINIA)	
<u>ex rel.</u>)	
THOMAS L. MASON, M.D.,)	
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Plaintiffs)	
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v.)	
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COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.)	
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Defendant.)	
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ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court upon Plaintiff's Unopposed Motion for a Briefing Schedule (Doc. No. 31). After review of the Motion, the Court finds that the Motion is supported by good cause. It is therefore **ORDERED** that said Motion is **GRANTED**. The Court hereby directs as follows:

1. Plaintiff shall file his Response to Defendant's Motion to Transfer Relator's Claim for Attorneys' Fees and Costs by October 20, 2014;
2. Defendant shall file its Reply in support of the Motion to Transfer by November 3, 2014;

3. Following the Court's ruling on Defendant's Motion to Transfer, the parties will, if necessary, file legal memoranda regarding Plaintiff's entitlement, if any, under 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(5) to his attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses; and
4. Plaintiff's deadline for filing his Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Expenses shall be stayed until a date to be requested by the parties following the Court's decision on the Motion to Transfer and any subsequent memoranda regarding Plaintiff's entitlement under 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(5) to his attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: September 22, 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Graham C. Mullen", written over a horizontal line.

Graham C. Mullen
United States District Judge

